

## CHURCH EVENTS

### June 3

9:00a Baptist Men  
9:00a Ladies' Fellowship

### June 4

Graduate Recognition Sunday  
2:00p Deacons' Meeting

### June 5

9:30a Church Council Mtg

### June 7

5:00p Potluck Dinner

### June 17-24

Youth Kentucky Mission Trip

### June 18

Father's Day

### June 22

Newsletter Input Due

### June 25

Business Meeting

## Looking Ahead

### July 1

July 4 Celebration Cookout

### July 9-14

Passport Youth Camp

### July 22

Baby Shower for Abby & John  
Dewitt

### July 24-27

Vacation Bible School  
5:30p - 8:30p

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday

9:30a Adult Study Groups  
9:30a Children and Youth  
11:00a Worship Service

### Wednesday

6:00p Adult Bible Study  
6:00p Children/Youth  
7:15 Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday

6:30p Amen Class Study Group

## JUNE DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:  
Peggy Mason / Tim Thompson

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout



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bearfruit

June 2023

## Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

We know well that time seems to accelerate as we grow older. That certainly is the case with me. As I think back on the months, I am amazed of the ways in which God has brought us together to share in life's events and ministries. With you it has been a privilege to share in boundless joy and celebration, birth and baptisms, graduations, spiritual awakenings, and God's gracious touch on your lives. I have been honored to walk on the sacred soils of your lives in times of grief and loss, of illness and suffering, and times of stress in relationships and vocations.

In these past months we have studied and addressed changing demographics, culture and issues of our community and asked how we need to reach out with an effective witness and life-giving ministries. We have experienced renewal, emerging new ministries and ministries that will come to fruition with God's revealed plan. All of it has been part of a joyful adventure. And all of you have been active in God's plan.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement and above all your willingness to go where God has been calling while I served as your interim pastor. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of that time in your lives and the life of Mount Hermon Baptist Church. The staff and leadership of the church are excellent, and I have been fortunate to be in ministry with them. I see exciting potential for our church. We are working together to prepare the path to the future. We have tried to faithfully teach the Scriptures in ways that encouraged discipleship while inviting others to walk with you and the Lord.

My prayer is for you to be the people God is calling you to be and that the Lord will guide you to fulfill the vision of being a vibrant reflection of His love in this community. Can you imagine what God has planned? Invite someone to join you and us today.

I pray a prayer of blessing for us all, David Morton, Interim Pastor

Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

*If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also.  
If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. John 12:26*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ~2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV)

**OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:**  
Canned Pasta / Peanut Butter

**OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH:**  
Toothpaste

## Children and Youth Ministry



As you all know, June is a busy month for our students. This month, we will travel to Middlesboro, Kentucky for a Mission Immersion Experience. During our time in Kentucky, we will be partnering with local organizations that serve the community in many different ways. One such organization is Cooperative Christian Ministries or CCM. This ministry functions similarly to OCIM. CCM provides food, clothing, and other needs to their community. Another organization with whom we will be partnering is a literacy ministry. We will read to kids for several hours and help them with literary basics. We will also be working with the City of Middlesboro helping to beautify the town. These are only a few of the important things we will do while there. We will also visit a dormant coal mine and coal mining museum in Cookie Frederick's hometown of Lynch; hike the national park; and learn from those already doing ministry in Appalachia. We need your support. Y'all have been so generous with the many donations you have given us for this trip, but now, we need something more than money. We need prayer. Please be praying for our team in these couple of weeks before we travel to Kentucky, when we are there, and as we are traveling home. Please pray for us that we would be helpful and able to learn from our experience. Pray that both we and our partners would be changed for the better. Thank you all for your continued support of the students and the children and youth ministry. Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

## PASTOR SEARCH

Dear Church,

The Pastor Search Team is incredibly grateful to those who hosted the team's report at the end of May. We appreciate the support of the congregation as we continue our process. If you would like a paper copy of the report or a list of resources used, you can reach out to one of the search team members. Using your survey responses as a tool, we have crafted a profile of who Mount Hermon is and what we value. This will support our ability to receive the person God is preparing to serve our community. If you have any additional questions from our gathering you may email or call our Chair, Shaina Riley, and the team will respond. Your continued prayers and encouragement are always needed. Please be in ceaseless prayer for the lost in our community and beyond, that Mount Hermon would take part in fulfilling the great commission by planting seeds that spread near and far. We are a church that seeks to reach those around us.

Grace and Peace, The Pastor Search Team



This year's Easter Mission Offering will be donated to Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry.

Church Goal \$1,200

Amount Raised to Date: \$2,092

Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry exists to provide and promote spiritual comfort and growth to the men assigned to Orange Correctional Center through services rendered by a full-time funded chaplain. Further, the ministry strives to better prepare OCC residents with skills, abilities and motivation to successfully reintegrate into their communities and families upon release.

Thank you to all who gave so generously!!

## **Congratulations 2023 Graduates!!**



Natalia Biser  
Tyler Coleman  
Blanca Serrano Gonzalez  
Gio Poma Butron  
Morgan Sorrell  
Louis Tedder

## DISCIPLESHIP

It is an honor to volunteer at Orange Congregations In Mission (OCIM). They serve people in need in Orange and Durham Counties. These are people just like you and me who are having a difficult time and need short-term assistance. And that's where you and I come in.

The shelves have been as empty as I've ever seen them and so our choices and amounts of what we can give have been limited. Our goal is to give each family enough food for a week. This also includes a personal pack with laundry detergent, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, toilet paper and deodorant.

On July 1st we will be having our annual Fourth of July cookout where the church provides the meat and you provide the rest. It's a fun time of good conversation and fellowship. My goal that day is to "Fill up the Pickup" with food for OCIM. Wouldn't it be marvelous to have an entire truck bed full of food to donate to families in need? Below is a list of food that we need. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Pinto beans, pork-n-beans, mayonnaise, mustard, peas, jelly, canned pasta sauce, pasta, Potatoes, crackers, other vegetables (collards, carrots, greens, mixed veggies...) ~Cookie Frederick

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

**Stewardship**

| 2023                 | April    | Year-to-Date |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Budget Income        | \$21,739 | \$74,200     |
| Budget Need          | \$21,700 | \$78,120     |
| Difference - (short) | \$ 39    | (\$ 3,920)   |

| 2023            | April    | Year-to-Date |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|
| Budget Income   | \$21,739 | \$74,200     |
| Budget Expenses | \$13,270 | \$65,805     |
| Difference      | \$ 8,469 | \$ 8,395     |

**April PRP Balance \$ 16,082**

Dear Church Family,

Dean and I would like to thank you all for the love shown to us in the past months. Your love and prayers mean so much!

Love, Wendy & Dean Dixon



**Those Needing Our Prayers**

|                   |                 |                      |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Judith Carrig     | Wendy Dixon     | Betty Jane Poole     |
| Donna Chamberlain | Alex Fitzgerald | Joseph Albert Revell |
| Bill Clayton      | Mike Fitzgerald | Ridge Riley          |
| Georgia Barnette  | Judy Hanson     | Robbe Riley          |
| Robbie Davidson   | Lucille King    | Peggy Rhodes         |
| Vic Davis         | David Lewis     | Bob Winecoff         |
| Joyce Dennis      | Joan Page       | Virginia Winecoff    |
| Joan Dixon        | Peggy Parker    |                      |

**Our shut-ins and hospitalized**

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Brookdale -                     | Bonnie Andrews |
| Pruitt Health-Carolina Point -  | Ruby Clements  |
| Friends Home Assisted Living -  | Betty Fera     |
| Brookshire -                    | Mary Haley     |
| Hillcrest Convalescent Center - | Stacy Lee      |
| Las Colinas of Westover -       | Roberta Lopez  |

**Pray For:**

The family of Steve Paschall for the loss of his brother, Larry Paschall  
 The victims and families of the recent acts of violence  
 Pastor Search Committee  
 Reverend David Morton and our Church  
 The safe gathering of our Church  
 The Children and the Children's Ministry  
 Our Brothers at OCC and the Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry

**Around the World**

Rev. Gideon Thuam, missionary to Myawaddy Myanmar  
 Pastor Hammer serving the people of Togo, West Africa  
 Roger and Vicki Grossmann, missionaries to Guatemala  
 Josh & Maggie Miller, missionaries to Cambodia

♪ *Music Notes* ♪

*I will sing*  
 to the Lord all my life;  
 as long as I live, I will  
*Sing praises*  
 to my God.  
*May he be pleased*  
 with my song,  
 for my gladness  
 comes from Him.

PSALM 104:33-34, GNT

**In Loving Memory**

Donations were received  
 in memory of  
 James Grasty and  
 Edith Lee by:  
 The Mount Hermon  
 Sanctuary Committee  
 A donation was received in  
 memory of Rachel Clayton  
 By: Lauren Gaydon

**DEACON ASSIGMENTS:**

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Steve Couch                   | A-B |
| Peggy Mason                   | C-D |
| Bob Brewer                    | E-I |
| Tim Thompson                  | J-M |
| John Frederick                | N-Q |
| Robbe Riley                   | R-S |
| Kevin Shinn                   | T-Z |
| Deacon Chair,<br>Tim Thompson |     |

*Ladies'*  
 FELLOWSHIP

*Saturday, June 3*  
 9:00 am - Event Room

~ June projects will include ~  
 Nursery reorganization  
 (continuing previous work) and  
 Sending notes of appreciation

*Jesus said to them again, "peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." John 20:21*

**Pastor:** David Morton  
**Secretary:** Peggy Mason  
**Music Leader:** Janice Thompson

**Church Office**

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please contact the office by phone or email.

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

***JUNE BIRTHDAYS***

06/01 Piper Clayton                      06/13 Luke Daniel  
06/07 Steve Couch                        06/25 Morgan Mayse  
06/08 Paulina Serrano Gonzalez      06/27 Rhonda Barton

***JUNE ANNIVERSARIES***

06/02 Todd & Wendy Riley  
  
06/06 1st Anniversary of Rev. David Morton as our interim  
Pastor.  
  
06/21 Terri Anne Darby for 8 years of faithful service to the  
Mount Hermon Music Ministry

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know  
so we can correct our records.

***JULY BIRTHDAYS***

07/02 Betty Fera                            07/10 David Lewis  
07/03 Dianne Daniel                    07/15 Shelby Edmonds  
07/04 Gio Poma Butron                07/16 Vickie Sorrell  
07/06 Bill Butler                         07/15 Gary Paschall  
07/06 Eric Neal                         07/19 Betty Jane Poole  
07/08 Dixie Paschall                    07/25 Judith Carrig

***JULY ANNIVERSARIES***

07/05 Bill & Kate Butler  
07/05 Steve & Dixie Paschall  
07/11 Eddie & Stacy Lee  
07/11 Donnie & Robbe Riley  
07/25 William & Amanda Clayton

**OUTREACH**

**Linking Our Prayers with Missions**

On 22 May if you were in worship or small group you heard a lot about linking our outreach with prayers. You now have that opportunity. June 17-24, Mount Hermon is sending out a youth missions team to Kentucky. We will send out Blanca, Valentina, Fernanda, Paulina, Shelby and John Mark. Adult workers will include John DeWitt, John and Cookie Frederick, Noah Dellinger, and Steve Paschall. We are asking for your intercessory prayer support. I will ask John Dewitt to send out prayer request to the congregation as we grow closer to the deployment date. We will send the group out with a commission prayer on June 11. We pray we can be the hands and feet of Jesus and pray to see some come to Christ during our mission effort. Now please begin to pray for that outreach so we can share that joy together.

In the Love of Jesus ~Steve Paschall



**Nursery Workers Needed!!**

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the nursery on a rotating bases during Sunday School and/or Worship Service on a rotating bases. If you are willing to help please contact John DeWitt or Teah Shinn.



**Prayer Room**

Our Prayer Room is open and available at all times for those who may need a quiet moment in prayer. Instructions for the room's use are provided along with prayer materials.

**Noah Dellinger - Pastoral Intern**

We celebrate a new beginning in the life of our congregation beginning June 1. Welcome to Noah Dellinger as our pastoral intern! Noah is a student at Duke Divinity School and a faithful member at Mount Hermon. He has expressed clear goals for his time among us – including leading Bible Study, learning about pastoral care, participating in the workings of a local congregation, and experiencing ministry in an open and affirming congregation. We look forward with joy and excitement to a new level of relationship with Noah this summer.

~ David Morton

***"Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!" - 1 Chronicles 16:11***